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MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES

January 31, 1855
to
May 18, 1856

1855

Reign of King Kamehameha IV

Foreign office 31 Jany

Present General P Kamehameha

" Mr Young

" Allen

" Wyllie

Foreign Rela-) Mr Wyllie submitted the draft of his
- tions) N° 3, to Mr Gregg, which he was ready to read to them, before sending it -- also N° 2, as reframed to suit the present Reign - & the similar Despatch for Mr Perrin.

Mr Young made Known to the Cabinet that he thought of discharging Mr Hall as Director of the Kings Press, if in the opinion of the Cabinet, a better could be found. The question was discussed--& it was admitted that Mr Hall, though morally of the highest respectibility, had strong personal opinions & personal hopes, conflicting sometimes with the known policy of the Kings tenet

It was agreed that Mr Young should think of some other person but not commit himself, till he make the person known to the Cabinet

L Kamehameha
Keoni Ana
E H Allen
R C Wyllie

1855

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

Wednesday - 7th February at 12 noon

Present Genl Prince Kamehameha

" Mr Young

" " Allen

" " Wyllie

The Minutes of the Conference of 31 Jany 1855--were read-

Mr Young stated he wished to know if any one was prepared to nominate a person to succeed Mr Hall. It was thought that both in official propriety & in accordance with the resolution of the Cabinet, at last Conference, Mr Young should make the nomination. Mr Young stated that he was not prepared to make the nomination, he would only remark that two men had been ~~talked~~ thought of, viz- Hopkins & Mr Fornander

Mr Allen recommended that in this & all other cases, the Govt shall proceed so delicately & gradually, as to exert -its Patronage, without giving offence - Prince -Kamehameha approved of this & suggested that Mr Young should address a letter to Mr Hall

Mr Wyllie stated that he thought it would be improper & indelicate to deal with

the interests of Mr Hall in his absence: & he would prefer dealing with him in the frankest manner & that he should be invited to attend the Cabinet, upon the subject of the duties of his office.

After some discussion it was thought preferable that Mr Young should see Mr Hall immediately on his arrival, & with the utmost respect to Mr Halls feelings & wishes, ascertain his views, & report to a future meeting as soon as possible

L Kamehameha

Keoni Ana

E.H. Allen,-----

R.C. Wyllie

1855

Special ~~Privy~~ Cabinet Council at the Palace Wednesday 14th March at 12 noon-

The King presiding General Kamehameha

Mr Lee Mr Armstrong

" Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Young sick

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Hall's official letter of the 14th with certain Resolutions of the Board of Members of the Royal H A Society, suggesting that the Commissioner of the U.States be requested to support a special Reciprocity Treaty with the UStates

Agreed that Mr Wyllie request the same officially, inform the said members of the result & furnish copies to Mr Lee

Mr Wyllie submitted Draft of his letter to S. Livingstone announcing Mr Lees mission

Mr Wyllie read his intended Despatch for the Consul General & Mr Perrin, with copy of the draft of Act - copy of his Dispatches & letters to the Secretary of State at Washington, Consul General Livingston, the Prussian Minister, the Russian Minister , & his intended Circular of the 12th August 1854 - also his letter to the Russian Consul in San Fran co- all which were approved - further a Memorandum (unofficial)

of points of Diplomatic Etiquette-

Afterwards, the following Resolutions moved by Mr Allen

Resolved that the Minister of the Interior be authorized and ordered to empower the Hon Wm L Lee , to purchase for the Hawaiian Government a Dredging Machine & all things necessary for the operation of the same & that he will make his drafts , on the Minister of Finance for the amount necessary , all which is in uniformity with the Appropriation Bill of 1854

Resolved that should the public service of this Government require the expenditure in the United States of a limited amount of the monies drawn for as aforesaid , or for other purposes than specified, the said Lee is hereby authorized to do so, until additional funds be remitted

Enter this in Cabinet Council Book at +

1855

Cabinet Council at the Palace Thursday 15 March 1855, at Noon

Present The King presiding

Genl Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen Mr Lee

" Armstrong

" Wyllie

The Minutes of the 14th in the Palace wered (sic)

Mr Wyllie submitted Consul General Millers official reply of the 15th & private note therewith also his letter of 22 September 1848 to Commodore Shubrick, on the principle of a Reciprocity Treaty

The question of the amount to be appropriated for the military was brought up. Mr Wyllie stated his wish to be allowed to ask for the full amount that the General Commanding in Chief, thinks necessary, it being understood that the amount is to be reduced at the discretion of the Minister of Finance, if the state of the Treasury require it. General Kamehameha Said he only wanted to keep up 240 men, regular ~~court~~ troops - General Kamehameha meet again over the estimates with a view to see how far they could be reduced. The King made a calculation showing how $2248- could be saved.

Mr Wyllie suggested the idea of pressing into the regular army able bodies vagrants, & men guilty of petty misdeamenors, for a term of

years, to serve only for their keep & clothes and without pay, as a punishment more correc -tive & reformatory then the present punishment by imprisonment, at hard labour.

The King did not like the principle of an armed force composed of Delinquents-

After going over the whole list, the whole reductions amount to $ 10,075

Agreed that if Mr Lee, ------ should un -fortunately fail he is authorized to ~~then make~~ Suspend his mission, till further orders.-& that the expenses of a Secretary be allowed him, as proper expenses charge -able to his Mission: & that Mr Wyllie so state in his final instructions

Adjourned till tomorrow evening, at Rosebank

Enter this in Cabinet Council Book where marked

1855

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

Thursday 19th April 1855, at 10 A M

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Allen explained certain particulars of his Budget.

Cabinet Conference, in the Foreign office

Tuesday, at 10 M^ns past 9 A M

Present Genrl P Kamehameha

" Allen

" Armstrong

" Wyllie

Question of granting licenses for the Sale of Spirits within the Bethel Square

Prince Kamehameha stated that the question was ~~Petition~~ Deputation of the Trustees of the Sailors Home Society, against granting a License to John Huxley for a Hotel, in close proximity to that Home

After some discussion it was agreed that considering what Mr Spencer had said to Mr Maxley before he had commenced building his House, the Minister of the Interior considered himself bound in pauet of Honor to grant the License promised for one year; but that no license would be granted after that period ----- further that a letter to that effect be addressed by the Minister of the Interior, both to Mr Maxly to the said deputa -tion

Cabinet Conference at 12 noon, 26th June in the Foreign office

Present Prince Kamehameha
Mr Allen
" Armstrong
" Wyllie

Government Press

Prince Kamehameha , acting as Minister of the Interior, represented that Mr Hall having suggested the Propriety of the New Director and Editor of the Government Press taking possession a few days before his own time is up, which is on the 30th instant, & proposed that Mr Hopkins should be recommended to the King, as the ~~new-Editor~~ Mr Halls Successor, Mr Allen seconded the motion

This was agreed to & the Conference adjourned-

1855

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

Thursday 5 July at 12 noon

Present Genl Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

The doubt expressed by the King whether he should sign the Banking Act, granting certain privileges to Messrs Page Bacon & Co, was considered ; and it was agreed to recommend His Majesty to withhold His Signature till after the return of Mr Dana, from San Francisco

The Conference then broke up

1855

Conference 16 August at 11 A M

in the Foreign office

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Appropriation Bill The appropriations for public works & miscelaneous purposes were considered.

1 Agreed to advertize for the deepening of the mouth of the Harbour & working the Dredging Machine

2. Agreed to advertize for the removal of the Fort & the building of the retaining Wall, after the erection of a Prison

3. Agreed to advertize for the Construction of a Station House

4 Agreed to adjourn till Saturday at 11 A M.

Cabinet Conference Saturday 18th August
in the Foreign office , at 11 A.M

Present (Mr Webster) Present Prince Kamehameha
(Mr Wood) " Mr Allen
(Holdsworth) " Wyllie

The question of advertising for contracts to deepen the month of the harbour, was re-considered , & in conformity with the opinions of Mr Webster, Mr Wood & Mr Holdsworth it was agreed not to advertise until after the arrival of the Dredging Machine , and a minute survey of & report on the details of the work to be done

Agreed that Mr Woods order of $2,099.10 Cents in favour of Mr Cartwright be paid & charged to the $5000 appropriated for the purchase of the stock for Bureaux of Public Improve-ments-

Agreed to proceed immediately to the erection of a Police Station , Engine House and lock up , &to advertise or issue notice for Contracts, the cost not to exceed $2,500.

Agreed that before demolishing the Fort and applying the materials to a retaining Wall, it is indesparable to have a prison, and that Mr Wood is instructed to survey the sound spot of land facing the westward boundary of the Port, to form & submit a place for a Prison there and an estimate for the expense ; & that he submit the same on Wednesday at 11 A.M.

Agreed that the Piliula Bridge be re
-pared forthwith - estimate $ 450- & that the
question of the Bridge at Hilo be considered
on Wednesday next.

1855

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office on Wednesday 22 August at 11 A M

Present P. Kamehameha
Mr Wood " Allen
" Wyllie

Mr Wood reported progress in regard to the Paelua Bridge and the Police Station House.

He reported that the location thought of for a prison, has no water & belongs to various proprietors.

He reported a survey of a Lot on the right hand side on the Ewa road beyond the dredge, belonging to the King, with a small portion leased to Soap makers & another to Mr Hopkins & beyond which there is a small lot belonging to Kapui-ki.

Mr Wood stated that he would not draw up a Plan of a Prison until we had agreed upon a Location

It was agreed that Mr Allen & Mr Wood examine the lot & that we meet again on Friday at 11 A M.

The question of compensation to the Contractor of the road at Hauiakua to be considered on Friday ; & so also Mr Treadways application for money-

Mr Wood presented Mr Bartons bill $65-20 paid by him for repairs for the Custom house

Agreed that the Bill be paid and charged to the appropriation of $2000 for the repairs of Public Buildings

Mr Wood presented Messrs Castle & Cookes bill for $ 728-9 cents for Lumber for the Police Station House - Agreed that it be charged to the appropriation of $2500 for building a Police Station, Lock up & Engine House-

1855

Cabinet Conference Friday 24 August
at 11 A M

Present Prince Kamehameha
" Allen
Mr Wood " Wyllie
" Swinton

Prince Kamehameha stated that having conferred with the King, he found there would be great difficulty in clearing off Mr Hopkins and the Soap Co from the Kings Lot. All idea of that Lot was therefore given up ~~on~~

Mr Allen suggested the locality beyond Punahou where the materials were abundant.

This was objected to on account of the distance

Mr Swinton recommended as the best of all others the round spot of land, on the left of the Ewa Road, projecting towards the Sea.

Mr Wood & Mr Swinton were in-formed to inquire, at what price that Log could be obtained - or what other Location be procured & to report as son as possible

The following Tenders were received every one from Mr Vincent for Lock up House & c $ 3915.33

one for Station only $ 1300 Add

from Saml ----- 728-9 Lumber

180-0 Shingles

150-0 Iron Work

2358-9

Agreed to accept Mr Lorensons tender

also a Tender from Geo Hardy for the Puloa Bridge &350 to this adding the cost of incidents say140 - would exceed the appropriation

by $ 40 or $35

Mr Wood engaging to see the work done , within the appropriation , he was ins -tructed to proceed immediately, giving the Government credit for any saving he might make

The contract with John Von Hoston stated 14 December 1854.

Mr Hoston offers to take 300 head of Cattle as damages for the non - fulfillment of his Contract

Agreed to postpone this question till Mr Wood can inquire into the work done & report how much Mr Hoston is equitably entitled to-

Mr Wood presented a bill for $163.43 for the repairs of the Swinton Premises at Lahaina payable to Dr Davis or order- Agreed that it be paid & charged to the appropriation of $2000 for Repairs of Public Buildings

Mr Wood presented his bill for Salary from 1 April to 1 August 666\frac{66}{100}$

Agreed that it be paid & charged to his Salary

1855

Cabinet Conference Saturday 25 August

in the Foreign office , at 11 A M

Present Prince Kamehameha

In attendance

Mr Wood Mr Allen

Mr Swinton

" Wyllie

Mr Wood & Mr Swinton reported on the sand Lot Kuili , that it was a Fort Land- but Subject to some Kuleanas, recommending that Lot as best; & that Prince Kamehamehas Lot being only $^1/_2$ an acre would not do without an adjacent lot reported to belong to Mr John Young . They also reported having examined a spot on the side of Punch Bowl hill behind the Generals House . But of all the 3 Places they recommend Kuili-

Agreed that Prince Kamehameha be re -quested to negotiate with the natives owners of Kuleanas for their entire removal & report with the least possible delay.

Mr Wood brought up the question of the Wailuku bridge Hilo-

1855

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

Tuesday 28 August at 1/2 past 10 A M-

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood present Mr Allen,

" Wyllie

Prince Kamehameha reported that with reference to the Lot Kuili, there were two natives that were willing to give up their Kuleanas on the spot re -quired for a prison in exchange for others on the same Lot, one receiving besides $50. In this way the Govt would gain a space of 5 or 6 rods-

The Prince Stated that he thought that to erect a Prison on that spot, would be very costly-

Agreed that there being no other place Mr Wood proceed immediately to prepare a plan of a Prison with full & minute estimates of every attendent expense

The Prince submitted the idea of publishing a paper in native , along with the Polynesian to be paid for by subscriptions. The suggestion was approved of: the motion to be recommended to the Committee of 13 or of the people.

1855

Cabinet Conference - Public Improvements,

in the Foreign office Monday 3 September

at 9 A M.

Present Mr Allen

Mr Wood " Wyllie

" Swinton

Mr Wood submitted a map of Kuili embraceng sufficient space for a Prison and for an Hospital; but owing to inflamation in his right eye, he had not been able to complete his plans & estimates for a Prison.

Agreed that further time be allowed to Mr Wood to complete his plans & estimates, & that he notify Prince Kamehameha, of the time when they are ready to be laid before the Cabinet

Adjourned-

1855

Cabinet Conference -- Bureau of Public Improvements - in the Foreign office, at 10 A M. 7 September

Present P Kamehameha
" Mr Allen
" Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted the Memorandum of Agreement between him & Samuel T. Kipono, in presence of T. G. Harding , 20th April , for Lumber , Spars &c , $35 per thousand feet for square stuff and 35 Cents for running - amount $3,410.05 Cents

Mr Wood stated that by the Barque Ellen Frances, another Invoice of the same Lumber & at the same rates, which will probably amount to a similar amount

Agreed that Mr Wood bring up the entire Contract & invoice on Monday at 9 A M - & that the two Contracts be taken up together-

Mr Wood submitted Mr Metcalfs order to Capt Preston Cummings of 18 Jany 1855 for 50 Sticks of Ohia Lumber--some 6x6 -some 6x8 & some 8x10 equal quantities value $ 260-68 for 6517 feet at 4 cents per foot, Woods says could sell the whole lot without loss-

Agreed that Mr Wood is to have the Ohia Wood brought down & sold & the proceeds placed to the credit of the Appropriation of $5000 for Stock for the Bureau of Public Improvements; and that meanwhile Mr Cummings order of 27th June for $260.68 on Mr Wood in favour of Mr Brewer be paid, by Mr Wyllies Draft for the amount

1855

Conference. Bureau of Public Improvements in the Foreign office, at 10 A M. 10 September 1855 Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted the Contracts & documents relating to Piles & other Lumber by the Grecian and the Ella Frances. Mr Wood presented a note from Mr Spencer, dated 4 June last, authorizing Mr Wood, in the name of the Minister of the Interior, for the Market house Wharf - The Lumber bought with the above authority came by the Ella Frances.

Agreed that Mr Wood & Mr Holds-worth report, so soon as possible, whether the repairs on the Harbour Wharves & Buoys of Honolulu or any part of them, can be put off for another year, or whether they or any part of them must be made immediately

1855

Conference (Bureau of Public Improvements) in the Foreign office, at 9 A M - Tuesday 11th september

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Holdsworth " Wyllie

The questions as framed in the Minutes of yesterday, were put to Mr Wood and Mr Holdsworth- Both agreed that the Market Wharf may stand till after the next Legisla-ture meet, care being taken to remove from the wharf, packages of goods &c as they are landed

Agreed that Mr Holdsworth is instructed and empowered to make known to all vessels making use of the Merchant wharf ~~Unar~~ the state thereof & to take all necessary measures to prevent its breaking down, under a heavy Superincumbent weight

Agreed that where as it appears that Mr Wood had a verbal authority, given in a misunderstanding, for the Lumber ordered by the Grecian ~~Justin~~, amounting to $ 3,410,05, that amount be paid & charged to the appropriation of $ 15,000 for wharves & other improvements on Waikahalulu; and that Mr Wood is empowered to sell of said Lumber all that can be sold at a

profit or without loss, for cash, paying the amount as realized in to the Treasury to credit of the said Appropriation.

Agreed also that whereas (sic) a another authority under date of 4 June last was given for the second parcel of Lumber ----- by the Ellen Frances amounting to $ 3410-05 that amount be paid, & charged to the appropriation of $5000 for the Harbours, Wharves & Buoys of Honolulu, with instructions to sell, as above all Lumber thereof, Convertable into cash as above & pay in the proceeds as above to the credit of that Appropriation-

Agreed that of little parcels of Lumber, Mr Wood is instructed to apply any portion or parts not convertable into cash , that can be applied to other works ordered, saving a corresponding quantity-

And agreed that Mr Holdsworth is instructed to prepare & submit an Estimate of the necessary outlay for Buoys.

Agreed further that Mr Wood, in consort with Mr Webster, is authorized to erect the piles of stones on each side of the Harbour for Mr Websters Head , & in order to enable him to make a correct survey of the wants of the Harbour - that the cost of these erections be paid & charged to the appropriation of $30,000 for Dredging the Harbour &c

Mr Wood submitted his letter of 8 September showing that $ 446-00 are required for payment of the Peleahue Bridge, under the authority given on the 18th August last. Mr Woods letter was accompanied with 4 accounts as vouchers

Mr Allen having an appointment at 10 A M the Conference adjourned at 20 min -utes past 10.

1855

Conference - Bureau of Public Improvements-

in the F. office - 12 September 1855, at 9 A M

Present Mr Allen

Mr Wood " Wyllie

(Waialua

Palou (Oahu

Mr Wood submitted the question to allow to Palou 20 planks of timber (about 1000 feet) worth about $35, ~~for repairs required~~ - and about $2.50 cents for nails - for repairs re -quired on the Laulehu Bridge, near to Wailua

Agreed that Mr Wood is empowered to provide the above, to credit it to $5000 for Stock & charge it against the $800 ap -propriated for Bridges & Roads between Honolulu and Waialua

Conference - Bureau of Public Improvements-

Foreign office , at 10 A M - 19 September

Present P. Kamehameha

Present Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted his Report dated 12th inst with Survey , plans & estimates for a new Prison , on the Site on Kuiki , selected by Prince Kamehameha with estimates of the cost of making a road & conducting water by a Pipe , amounting in all to $ 27,758-05 Cents

The estimate for making the road is $1833.72 - for one Front Wing , it is 4253.77 , which make $5087.49 , leaving $ 3912-51 of the appro -priation of $ 10,000 for the Prison

A discussion took place upon the question whether it would be cheapest to have the road made & the water laid on, by Mr Wood with the labour & other ad- -vantages - by the Government , or to transfer these advantages to contractors & advertize for tenders-

Agreed that Mr Wood is authorized to advertize by Posters & notices for Sealed Tenders for the work agreed upon to be done, allowing one day to send in, then Tuesday, Mr Wood to

give particular specifications & to insert the usual cautions-

Agreed that Mr Fullers Bill for Surveying, $21-0 be paid & charged to the appropriation of $ 10,000 for the new Prison-

Capt Holdsworths Report of 12 Septr on the expense required for the repairs of Barges , amounting to $1000-0- was read

Agreed that it be left with Mr Wyllie to arrange with Capt Holdsworth for the placing of these Barges - Mr Holdsworth to be informed not to buy any tug hereafter without due authority

Mr Wood Submitted a note from Mr Swinton showing the necessity of repairing the Reservoir, at the Honolulu Hale

Agreed that it be repaired with care so soon as possible, after Mr Wood has acertained what the expense will be.

Agreed that Mr Hackfelds bill for $18000 Cedar Shingles L 180 - be paid & charged to the appropriation of $2500 for the Police Station &c

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Spencers Trial Balance of the Bureau of Public Improvements to 31 August

Mr Wood printed Mr Wundenbergs &
others letters respecting bridges &c - Agreed
that Mr Wood prepare the form of
all account to be observed by all Super-
-visors of roads & give to them with
a circular

Mr Widemanns letter of 27th August
was read-

Agreed that the Lumber which he speaks
of at Waianae be sold forth with - &
that he be instructed to hold the $ 35-15
Cents of the old appropriation for the
Halua Bridge , subject to further orders: &
that in the meanwhile he incur no
expense on account of that Bridge-

~~Mr-Wood-submitted-the~~

1855

Conference . Bureaux of Public Improvements in the F office Monday 24 September at 12 M

Present - P Kamehameha

Present Mr Wood Mr Allen

Mr Swinton " Wyllie

Mr Swinton suggested some changes in the patern of the Prison to be erected, as agreed upon, on the 19th. He proposes that the whole will be built , of which the estimate is $ 3,764.25

To move the present Wooden Prison in the Fort, capable of confining any 50 Prisoners, to more & put up which, perhaps there would be required ----------,	600-00
To erect such another new wood new Prison , which will cost say	3000-00
To make the new Road & lay on the Water , say	1833.72
To erect House for cooking	400.00
" Police House	400.00
For Water Closet ----say	60.00
To move native Houses & for transportation say	150.00
	10,207.97

Agreed to wait till the Tenders are before us, on Wednesday, before coming to a final dicision - to meet 11 A M

Mr Wood submitted the Estimates for the Reservoir , near Honolulu Hale, one with stone costing $ 470 & one with Wood costing $ 215.38

Agreed that the first be adopted- and Mr Wood is instructed to proceed immediately with the work

Agreed that Mr Holdsworth be instructed to deduct the $88.0 that he has paid for work done, according to his note & Tenders No^{s} 1-2-&3 for the amount of his receipts to be paid over to the Treasury

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements-

in the Foreign Office, Wednesday 26 Septmr

1855 at 11 A.M.

Present P Kamehameha

Wood & Mr Allen

Swinton " Wyllie

Mr Wood reported that he had got no tenders whatever; & that on examining the Wooden House in the Fort , he thought another similar House could be erected for say $ 2000

For	Boundary wall	$ 3766-25
"	1 Front Wing of Stone	4253-77
"	removal of Wooden Building in in Fort	600.00
"	Road & Water pipes	1833-72
"	Police House	400-00
"	Cooking Do	400-00
"	Water Closet	60-00
"	moving Native House, & compensation say	150-00
		11,461.74

As there are no tenders , & the time presses, Mr Wood is empowered to proceed immediately, availing himself of existing materials & of all the labour of Prisoners that can be had

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements in the Foreign office, Tuesday 28 September 1855 at 11 A M-

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wood presented Mr Treadways letter of 22 September with the following accounts, viz

a/c Market House Lahaina up to 30th september, balance due)	$ 122-96
a/c Prison Wall, Lahaina up to 30th September, balance --	463-06
a/c Breakwater, Lahaina, up to 30th September , balance	152-28
	$ 738.30

Agreed that this balance be paid & Charged to the respective appropriation: & that Mr Wood stop all future ex-penditures on the Breakwater , at La-haina , till further orders

Mr Swinton stated that he had 70 Prisoners at present , of whom 50 could be made over to Mr Wood for the New Prison and 20 to the Com-missioners, if -- to clean out the Prison in the town. This distri-bution approved

Agreed that the expense of the Prisoners working on the Prison be charged to the corresponding appro-priation of $10,000-

Mr Wood presented the bills for laying down the Water Pipes from Beretania st to the Palace & for repairs of Hydrants & Reservoirs, viz

Westons a/c for Pipe Scraps --	69-00
" " repairing 6 Hydrants	245-0
E O Hall Lead pipe	30-10
Aldrich & Bishop a/c for 2 loads of Lead Pipe &c	192-17
Fred Ogdens Bill for locks	75-00
First Bill , Prisoners Lahaina --	207-75
C-N Vincents bill for Lahaina &c	40-30
G-C Nevells bill for Carting	9-75
H Dimonds bill Lead Pipe	8-25
Geo Thomas bill Laying wall Reservoir	35-37
Geo Cidens bill - plumbing &c	28.25
" " " " Palace Yard	84.25

~~Weston for~~

Agreed that the following , of the above accounts , be paid & charged to the Appro-priation of $3000 for repairing Reservoirs.

Mr. F Adams	--------	$75-0
" J C Nevell		9.75
Geo Thomas		35.37
D.M Weston		245.0
H. Dimond		8-25
C.H Vincent		40-30

Agreed that these & all other ac-
-counts enumerated on the other bids, be
returned to Mr Wood, to be analyzed
according to the respective appro-
-priations & presented again, so
for payment

Mr Wood presented an account for
the Stone erections required by Mr
Webster of $66-44

Agreed that it be paid-

Mr Wood, presented an account
for repairs on the Palace in
the Fort

	$ 22 - 89
	6 - 0
	32 - 0
	60 - 89

Agreed that it be paid & charged
to the Appropriation of $2000 for
the repairs of Public Buildings

Mr Wood also presented an
a/c $29.90 & another for 14-50
for Implements & tools required

for the New Prison

Agreed that these be paid & charged to the appropriation of $10,000 for a new Prison

Mr Wood mentioned the state of Kahana, Koolau , Oahu

Agreed that Mr Wood obtain an estimate from Mr Moffet of what, he will to do that work for.

In regard to the Petition of Mr Everett & others for water from the Reservoir, & Mr Wyllie was instructed how to reply to it

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements

Foreign office Wednesday 3 October 1855 at

1/2 past 10 A M

Present P Kamehameha
Allen
R. A. S. Wood Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted a Memorandum of agreement with H Sumner, for stone from the Reef - 8000 stones, to be cut by the Government - at 30 cents per stone &c &c &c which was approved - He to get $500 down- Agreed that that amount be paid to him abating the value of what Government Carts and oxen he may wish to take

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements,
in the Foreign office , at 10 A M

Present P Kamehameha

Mr S Spencer Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Spencer stated that the original appropriation for Reservoirs &c was $ 2000; & that it had been augmented $ 1000 to cover all expenses connected with the Reservoir, laying down of Pipes & c connected with Water.

Agreed that the several amounts in Mr Woods General Summary, with separate accounts, for Hydrants & laying down Pipes, be paid & charged to the appro-priation of $3,000 for Reservoirs-

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements, in the Foreign office, at 10 A M , 13th October

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood " Mr Allen

" Swinton " Wyllie

Mr Wood, on behalf of Mr Swinton applied for money to pay for food for the Prisoners, employed on the New Prison. Mr Swinton stated that $300 would be enough for the present

Agreed that $300 be drawn fm & charged to the Appropriation of 10,000$ for a new Prison

Mr Wood applied for $100 to employ four Labourers, on the same Work. Agreed that this be drawn fm & charged as above.

Mr Wyllie laid before the Conference Mr Holdsworths letter, about the repairs of the Water Gate . Agreed that the Gate be repaired -

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements in the Foreign office, on Wednesday 17th October at 10 A M

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

Mr Widemann " Wyllie

Mr Widemann applied for money to finish the Bridge of Huleiu, Kauai. Instructed to confer with Mr Wood & submit his estimate tomorrow at 10 A M, taking into account $60 which he has in hands & the materials to be procured from Mr Wood

Mr Wood submitted the propriety of purchasing about 120 pounds of lime at $2- per pound, which is 25 cents less than the Market Price. Agreed that he measure the quantity & apply for the money tomorrow.

Mr Wood also wishes to have 20 Kegs of Blasting Powder, in possession of Mr Hall to be used on roads - He offers the Powder at $10.50 per Keg, but perhaps could get it at $10. Ten Kegs enough for the present.

1855

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements

in the Foreign office, 18th October, at 10 A M

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Widemann " Wyllie

Mr Widemann submitted an estimate of

$ 538-12 Cents-including the $60, in hand

also materials-and $233-12 Cents dollars returned in cash

Agreed that a cheque be drawn for

for $233-12 Cents & that Mr Wood be

authorized to deliver to Mr Widemann

the materials estimated at $245, entering

the value to stock & charging it to

the Eleileia Bridge

Agreed that a cheque be drawn for

$105- to pay for P for the wall, on

account of roads &c

Agreed that another cheque be drawn

for $- reserved to pay for barrels of

lime , required for the new Prison-

1855

Conference on Mr Greggs Despatch N° 68 of 18th October 1855

(Agting Chief Justice Present Prince Kamehameha

Robertson Mr Allen

Mr Bates

Mr Chamberlayne " Wyllie

Mr Wyllie read Mr Greggs Despatch No 68 of 18th October with its several enclosures, stating that before replying to it, he wished to hear what the parties blamed had to say-

Mr Bates made explanations, asserting his opinion strongly against the punishment of whipping, as prescribed in the Penal Code , and as latterly practised.

Mr Chamberlayne stated that his im -pression at the time was that the law bore this out, but that, perhaps, reflecting now coolly, he would not, in a similar case, apply the same punishment.

The question of the law, was taken up and it appeared clearly that the law had been exceeded both in regard to the punish- - ment & its infliction, before allowing him ten days to appeal & have a trial by Jury

Mr Wyllie in view of the whole recommended that Mr Chamberlayne should endeavour to settle the matter with Mr Gregg, without delay

1855

Conference, ~~Bureaux of Public~~ of the Cabinet in the Foreign office - 11 A M 24th October

Present Prince Kamehameha
In attendance
Actg Chief Justice Robertson Mr Allen

Police Magistrate " Wyllie
Chamberlain - Mr Bates
Mr Wyllie read his reply No 26 of this morning to Mr Gregg - Mr Greggs Despath No 69 of 24th October , and Mr Chamberlaynes letter of this date to Chief Justice & to Mr Wyllie tendering his resignation

1855

Conference: Bureaux of Public Improvements

Foreign office 1/4 past 12 24th October

Present	Prince Kamehameha
Mr Wood	Mr. Allen
Mr Moffet	" Allen (sic)

Mr Wyllie submitted the estimate showing $ 262-80 required for the Bridge of Kahana for which $500 are appropriated.

Agreed that a cheque be drawn for the amount.

Mr Wyllie submitted an account of Lumber coming out from the U S for the Dredging Machine, which will arrive in February next.

Mr Wyllie submitted the Petition of Mr Aldrich & others for water pipes down Fort street. Agreed that Mr Wyllie make the same offer.

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Bureaux of Public Improvements - Conference in the F Office - Friday 26 October 1855 at 11 AM

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted Parkes receipt for $50 compensation , charged to $10,000 for the new Prison

Kaheekais license to make a Bridge leading to the Prison, was read

Mr Wood presented Phillip Jacques claim for $237-50 Cents for cartage of stone employed on the new Prison Wall at Lahaina , which he says is correct - The claim is payable to the order of Nahaelua & by him made payable to Dr Rook

Agreed that it be paid

Mr Wood presented the final accounts for the Lock & Station House, showing nature of his Circular, about Public Works, which was approved of.

1855

Conference in the F.Office - Friday 26 October at $^1/_2$ past 11 A M

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Greggs Despatch N° 70, received this morning Agreed that it be acknowledged & to be submitted to His Majesty the King on his return

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Parkes account for $107-83 for 6 gross Govt Buttons

Also Mr H H Lee, letter of 26th October 1855 offering Tickets of admission to the Circus to the King & His Ministers

1855

Bureaux of Public Improvements

Foreign office 29 October , at 11 A M

Present Mr Allen

Mr Wood " Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted Mr Treadways order for $ 173.25 Cents, in favour of John Kalikini, amount due for moving Water on the Reservoir Wall at Lahaina

Agreed that it be paid

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements
in the Foreign office Wednesday 31 October
at 10 M A

Present Prince Kamehameha

John Li Mr Allen

Mr Wood " Wyllie

Mr Li represented the propriety of expending on the Court House at Hilo the $180. appropriated for the Court House at Hilo.

Agreed that the amount be drawn fm & charged to the corresponding ap--propriation.

Mr Wood submitted an application for Mr Richardson for $100 for repairs to the Govt House at Waikapu Maui for which that sum is appropriated

Agreed that it be granted

Also another application from J Richardson for $300 for repairing a Bridge at Wailuku Maui

Says unless repaired it will fall to pieces

Agreed that Mr Wood procure an exact statement of what is wanted and and estimate of the cash required

Mr Wood submitted the question, Shall we go on to finish the Prison Wall at Lahaina - There is a balance on the Agreement of $200 due.

Agreed that Mr Wood is instructed to finish the Wall, taking care not to exceed the appropriation

Agreed that Mr Wood repair the damage done to the Govt Stone House of Lanai.

1855

Conference - Bureaux of Public Improvements in the Foreign office , at 12- 13 November 1855

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted certain printed papers Bill of Lading and Invoice of 2 Boxes Felt roofing, arrived per Cato - cost $70.25 freight $45.54, which he offers at low prices, for the roof of the new Prison-

Agreed to inquire of Mr Wood , if he can can use it for any public building, & to order him to attend tomorrow.

The Prince brought forward an application from the Rev Mr Dwight of Molokai for the $800 appropriated for Government buildings on Molokai- This subject was postponed till tomorrow-

Mr Wyllie read that part of Mr. Wunderbergs letter of the 6 November, that refers to the evils of Chinese Pedlars selling opium on Kauai. Prince Kamehameha promised to take the thing into his consideration

Conference : Bureaux of Public Improvements

Foreign office , at 10 A M . 14 November

Present P. Kamehameha

Present Mr Allen

R A S Wood " Wyllie

The question of Mr Marshalls new Roofing was reconsidered.Mr Wood stated that it would suffice to roof one of the wings of the new Prison & the Cook House besides. The saving would be about $~~228~~180 as compared with Shingles & Mr Wood says if the felting should fail, he can cover the roof with Zinc

Agreed to take the Patent felting & to pay for the same $116.29

1855

Bureaux of Public Works Conference

Wednesday 28 Nov at A M

Present Mr Wood Present Mr Allen

" Metcalf " " Wyllie

" Baker of Prince Kamehameha sick Kaupakuea

Mr Metcalf rendered explanations respecting the Contract with Baker fr Lumber for the Wailuku Bridge. The contract was made in december; & the Wood is down on the beach at Kaupakuea, excepting 7,000 feet carted to Hilo.

The Balance cleared is $ 650-
less 2 cents per foot on 954 feet 19.8
$630.92

Mr Metcalf agrees to guarantee that the Balance on lumber to be delivered , equal to the ~~above value~~ quantity as per bill rendered will be delivered.

1855

Conference Bureau of Public Improvements

at 1/4 past 10 A M in the Foreign office

Present . Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Parkes account for Labour of Prisoners up to 1 December $869 - with Mr Woods draft for this amount.

Agreed that it be paid-

He also submitted Mr H Har Petition for water privilege, for his premises- To be granted, on the same terms, as others, unless the Harbor Master show good objections .

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Skinners letter of 20 November & his (Mr Wyllies) letter to Mr R.AS Wood of 21 November

Agreed to meet tomorrow at 10 A M with Mr Wood & Mr Holdsworth , when Mr Wyllie would submit a table of all sums ex-pended, up to date, under the recent Appropriations.

1855

Conference Bureau x of Public Improvements in the Foreign office Thursday at 10 A M 6 December

Present Prince Kamehameha

Present Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Agreed that, having considered the explanations rendered by Mr Holdsworth to Mr Wyllie this morning, Mr Sawyer have water on the usual terms , taking only the usual quantity & laying the pipe down at his own Expense.

Mr Wood submitted Mr Tolberts Estimates of Repairs to the Wailuku Bridge Maui, for which there is an appropriation of $ 500. His estimate N° 1 is $495.

Agreed that Mr Tolbert be instructed to effect the repairs of the Wailuku Bridge advising with Mr John Richardson, & receiving from him, money, as required & that $300 be _____ to Mr Richardson to account of the said Bridge

Checque No. 39 of 31 October given & allowed from Kipaka Bridge

Mr Wyllie presented Mr Woods Balance Sheet to 30 November

Agreed to go & inspect the property of the new Prison- Went thither with Mr

Gregg & Mr Wood.

1855

Bureaux of Public Improvements

in the " Office Friday 7th December ~~April~~ at

10 A M- Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

Mr Parke " Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted an estimate which he had prepared showing that about 70 Cents is the average cost of each Stone for cutting, raising & placing each Stone in the Cart. This expense of 70 cents paid for each Stone, to honour as per Contract: The following is Mr Woods Statement -

(Insert)

1618 stones already procured costing at 66 cents a piece = $ 1086 ~~68~~ 88- Still required 6400 stones to complete road & wall; at the same rate will cost $4224 - if the stones can be got ~~up~~ out for 55 Cents each, that will be a raising of $704.-- this would leave $ 3520.0;& the present expenditre being 5164 78-

8684.78

leaving only $1325-22 to finish the Prison

Agreed that Mr Wood with the assistance

of Mr Parke, endeavour to impose on the Prisoners the tasks of 5 Stones a day; & that Mr Wood take measures to build up & finish the Wing first of all

Mr Wood submitted Mr Metcalfs Tender of 6 December for the Wailuku Bridge Hilo Agreed that we obtain information from Mr Pitman.

Cabinet Conference , after the Council in the Palace, 10th December 1855

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

Mr Wyllie

The Prince being on the eve of visiting Kauai, submitted the propriety of authorizing the carrying of the Native Prisons, throughout the Islands, from & upto, the 1 January ensuing which have been temporarily suspended from prudential considerations connected with the renewal (?)

This was approved of

1855

Cabinet Conference- Bureaux of Public Improvements in the F Office Monday at 9 AM . 30 December

Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Wood " Allen
" Pitman
Mr Moffet " Wyllie

Mr Metcalfs tender of 6 December for the Bridge at Hilo was read & Mr Pitmans opinion thereon was asked. His opinion was in favour of the acceptance of the Tender , fixing a period for 6 months for its execution from the date of Commencement.

In regard to the first mile of erecting the Bridge agreed that Mr Wood submit the plans & specifications to Mr Pitman & that he & Mr Wood report on Wednesday morning at 9 A M

Mr Moffet presented a written request that the $50 remaining of the appropriation for the Bridge of Kahana, be retained, until the Bridge has been carefully inspected

Agreed that the money be rationed & Mr Moffet & Mr Wood instructed to inspect & report on the Bridge , as early as possible-

Mr Wood submitted an application from for $300 appropriated for the Kipahulu Bridge Maui & for about $300 worth of Lumber-

Agreed that the appropriation did not cover the application-

Prince Kamehameha submitted that the Prison lately destroyed at Koloa Kauai by fire, it is de-sirable to purchase a Wooden Building on the Lihue Plantation, which may be had for $150., & the expenses of moving it would be $50- in all $200- the design being to confine the prisoners that should have been confined at Koloa

Agreed that so much of the appro-priation of $250 for the Koloa Prison, as may be required, be applied to ~~that~~ the purpose proposed by Prince Kamehameha

1856

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign Office

at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 A M , 1 Jany 1856

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

Mr Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Perrins letter of the date requesting an order to detain Mr Landais in the Fort, at his exclusive disposal

Mr Wyllie had, at an earlier hour explained to His Majesty, the King, who chanced to call, stating his view of what Mr Perrin had the right to ask, & what the Kings Government was bound in duty & in respect to the Emperor to grant, but that he Mr Wyllie desired to Confer with his Colleagues, the Order, & requested His Majesty to release Mr Allen from attending upon him during the delivering of His address, which His Majesty graciously promised to do-

Mr Wyllie submitted the draft of his proposed order to the Marshall

As the Marshall had let Mr Landais out on bail till tomorrow morning, it was agreed that Mr Allen should call on Mr Perrin & that Mr Wyllie meanwhile should send for Chief Justice Robertson

All this was done, & the order was with held till tomorrow morning

1856

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

[illegible] Jany 1856

Present Mr Allen

" Mr Wyllie

Mr Wyllie having confired [illegible] the [illegible] with Mr Robertson & received Mr Perrins official Despatch No 1, framed a new order for the detention of Mr Landais, founded on Mr Perrins official request & declarations. The Order having been approved of, was Sent.

Mr Wyllie read the law of the U States from Elliot, on the subject of outrages to Foreign Diplomatic Agents

While Mr Wyllie was attending to the matter of Mr Perrins, Mr Pitman & Mr Wood called and Mr Allen had the Kindness to take the following minutes of the business transacted with them:

"Mr Pitman says that he has examined "the plan for the Bridge at Wailuku Hawaii "and it meets his approval

"He says that much of the lumber purchased "for the bridge and there delivered, is not "suitable.

"He should accept Mr. Metcalfs proposal- "on condition that he should have all the

"timber of the government already purchased,

"and said Metcalf should supply all that

"was needed to build the Bridge - not

"using any for the bridge , but what was good."

1856

Conference on miscelaneous subjects, in the Foreign office Saturday 12th January at 9 A M

Present Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted the necessity of having a Cabinet Council with as little delay as on the subject of the negotiations for a New Treaty with France.

Agreed to have a ~~conference~~ Cabinet Council, with King on Monday morning at 10 before the P. Council & subject to the Kings pleasure

He also submitted the question of finding employment for Mr. Marshall, & of appointing an Auditor of Public accounts. Question postponed-

He also submitted the estimate of Survey by Mr Wood requested for the Premises occupied by Everett & Rice and explained that certain repairs were wanted by Mr Goodale, in that part of the Premises to be devoted to a Customhouse Store.

Agreed that Mr Wyllie wait the arrival of Mr Lee before drawing for the $5000 for his Mission; and that enquiry be made whether the Boat for the Dredging Scows can be preceeded with.

1856

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office

at 9 A M 14 Jany

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Mr Wyllie

Prince Kamehameha stated his belief that the King would not be able to come in for a Privy Council or Cabinet Council this morning.

As Mr Allen intends leaving for Lahaina this day, his opinion was taken in regard to the motion of a New Treaty with France, on which it is indispensable , to take the Kings pleasure so soon as possible. Mr Allen approved of the submission to the King

1856

Cabinet Conference on Bureaux of public Improvements, in the Foreign office , at 11 A M- 16 Jany 1855-

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood " Mr Wyllie

Mr Wood

Mr Wood submit Mr Treadways accounts on the Lahaina Prison Wall, claiming $136-63 for Balance due for food of Prisoners , freight on Coast &c - also a claim for $126.37 Cents due to G Kala -kini for Balance on Contract for Prison Wall. Reported that the work on the Prison Wall is now completed

Agreed to draw cheques for these amounts

Mr Wood submitted an estimate of $178.00 for repairs, on that part of the Ladd & Cos Premises to be occuped as a Custom house store - also another for repairs &c on the other section of the said Premises leased to Messrs Everett & Rice, amounting to $968- stating that in his belief the work could be done, in both cases, with some saving as compaired with these estimates-

Mr Wood was directed to proceed with both works & to have them done as economically as possible.

1856

Conference. Bureaurx of Public Works

in the F Office, at 9 A M. 22 Jany 1856

Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Wood " Mr Wyllie

Mr Wyllie stated that he had been compelled to stop all work on the New Prison for want of funds - ordered an exact account to be made out & an an estimate of what money is reserved to finish the building so as to render it available as a Prison.

Mr Wood presented an a/c shewing that of the charging $1798-42 cents on account of Stores - and $10,728.67 cents - also an estimate showing that $3000 are required to finish the Prison.

Mr Wyllie begged the Prince to consider whether any thing could be spared for the Military, so as to be available to finish the Prison.

It was agreed to wait the arrival of Mr Allen, before proceeding further.

1856

Cabinet Conference. Bureaux of Public Works in the F Office Friday 25 Jany 1856 at 11 A M

Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Wyllie

It was agreed to grant a cheque to Mr Marshall, for payment of Mr Widemanns order, for $200 chargeable to Koloa Prison Kauai

Agreed that the the expenditure for the Huleia Bridge being as Mr Wood represents, for cash & Stores, $454- add costs - & the appropriation being $500- Mr Wood is authorized to send to Mr Widemann the 700 ft Lumber that he asks for in his note along with letter of 4th Jany Mr Wood to take care that the amt of Appropriation be not exceeded

Mr Wood presented the Rev C N Rowells letter of Jany 1856 offering to make A Ferry Boat & Scow for the river, at Waimea, & asking for the $200. Mr Wood was instructed to reply that to make such a scow has not been (determined upon

Mr Wyllie presented the Petition of Mr Lewers & others for Water pipes along a new Street & to the several Houses.

Agreed to grant it, on the same Conditions as to Everett & others.

Mr Wyllie presented Mr Moffets two letters of 31 Decamber & 8th Jany, complaining that the Bridge at Kahana, has not been properly built , & suggesting that the balance of the Appropriation be reserved to complete the Bridge properly.

Agreed that Mr Wood go down along with Ha & have the Bridge properly constructed, not exceeding the appropriation in hand.

Mr Wood presented a of Wood useful for making a Scow, that could be had cheap.

Agreed to lease it till Mr Allen returns-

Mr Wood reported on the Scow at La--haina & that $400 would be required to repair it. This question to be considered, hereafter.

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Works

in the Foreign office, at 10 A M 5 Jany

Present Prince Kamehameha

Present - Mr Wood " Wyllie

" Sumner

Mr Wyllie stated his regret at the absence of Mr Allen, he being detained in Lahaina from Sickness.

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Woods Report on the expenditure on the New Prison up to 21 Jany, & his Estimate of $3,000 required to finish it - also his Despatch of 24 ~~November~~ January to the Prince & the Prince reply of the 25th

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Woods a/c for Stores, showing a balance of each due by ~~duty~~ him of $1030-92

also account Shewing the following sums

Incidental Expence a/c		244-63
Reservoirs & Hydrants	"	37-91
Store & Produce	"	22'66-54
Purchase of Road tools --------	"	13.87
Repairs of Public Buildings		129.34
Waikahalulu Improvts		253.00
		$ 3,976.21

Agreed that the above be applied to the Completion of the new Prison ; & that cheques be drawn for the amounts.

Agreed that Mr Wood pay out of his cash in hand, certain bills over due.

Adjourned till tomorrow at 10 A M for the purpose of considering payment of sums due to Mr Sumner & Mr Parke

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements in the Foreign office - 6 February

Prince Kamehameha

Present Mr Wyllie.

Mr Wood & Mr Parke -

Mr Wyllie read the minutes of the

M. Wyllie submitted Mr Sumners account for Stones & his account of $188-62½ Cents due by him for lumber- also Mr ~~Parker~~ Woods general a/c of 21 Jany, shewing $579.70 Cents which is 70 Cents less than Mr Sumners claim for 3600 stones at 30 Cents each, after deducting the $500 paid to him in advance

Agreed to allow Mr Sumner 30 Cents for the Stone, in dispute, which will make $580 due to him

Agreed that 188-62 1/2 Cents be deducted & paid to Mr Parke, thus leaving , payable to Mr Sumner 391-37 1/2

Agreed that Mr Wyllie draw cheques for these amounts.

Mr Wyllie presented Mr Parkes a/c for Prison labour up to 29 Jany for $48.9 which is stated as due by Mr Wood in his general a/c aforesaid

Agreed that Mr Wyllie draw a checque for $ 389-

Mr Wyllie presented the Sheriffs account on Reservoires & Hydrants. Agreed that Mr Wood inspect the Reservoir, at the corner of Fort & Hotel Street, & report if it be in a state dangerous to the public & how much will be required, to render it safe for the time being.

Mr Wood presented his Report of 6th inst, on his expenditure under the appro -priations of $ 500 for building a Court House at Hilo & of $600 for building a Bridge over the Hanalii Bridge at Hilo, made in 1854 - & Voucher No of 500 expended for the port & Voucher N° 2 of 600$ for the 2d.

Mr Wood presented his claim for $500 to account of his Salary for 3 months ending 31 Jany 1856

Agreed that Mr Wyllie draw a checque for it.

Mr Wood presented Mr Clarks desire to give up his commission to all rope made by native female Prisoners on Kauai.

Agreed that Mr Wood concort with the Marshall in regard to the proper disposal of the rope.

Conference Bureaux of Public Works

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted the minutes of the 16 22 & 25 Jany & 5th & 6th February, which were read to Mr Allen

Agreed that Mr Wyllie draw fr the $100, which he advanced to Mr Hughes on the 11th

Mr Wyllie submitted Mr Robinsons letter of 7th February applying for $250 required for repairs of the Court House

Agreed that Mr Wood be instructed to see what repairs are wanted & to have them done provided the amount does not ex -ceed the appropriation-

1856

Conference . Bureaux of Public Improvements in the F O - Tuesday 16 Feby at 10 A M

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Allen

Mr Wood " Wyllie

Mr Wood submitted the Bills for re - pairing the Everett Premises viz

Mr Lewers ----- $900.50--

bonds 44-70 Cents to be credited to Stones

Mr Parkes acct for Prison labour --- 18.75 / 928.25

less 300$ already paid - 300.00

628.25

Wanted a cheque for $609.50

" for Mr Parke 18.75

628.25

Agreed to draw cheques for those amounts.

Mr Treadways letter of the was read -

Agreed to confer on Monday at 9 A M with Mr Wood & Mr Hughes

Prince Kamehameha suggested the establishment of a weekly newspaper in the native Language, to be published in the Polynesian Office, & edited under the Superintendence of the Board of Educa - tion

Mr Allen brought up the subject of some effectual & practicable plan to secure for the Islands, steamers to apply between them. It was agreed that He & the Minister of the Interior should reconsider the subject, in the respective reports

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Improve-
-ments in the F office,at 10 A M . 21 Feby

Present

Mr Wood & Mr Allen

Mr Hughes " Wyllie

Mr Hughes submitted his plan of using cars on Scows to take up the sand &c from the Bar & Harbour, & fill up the Reef. He shewed a drawing.

Agreed to ascertain if Cars and Rails can be obtained in San Fancisco;& that the Scows at Lahaina, be repaired& brought down. For this purpose , Mr Treadways letter was handed to Mr Wood-

Mr Hughes shewed the absolute necessity of having a Smitley, ready at hand near the Wharf - Agreed that a scow be ordered so as to answer the purpose intended,with out going to any unecessary expense-

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Improvements

26 February at 10 A M

Present	Prince Kamehameha
Mr Wood	" Allen
" Hughes	" Wyllie

The minutes of the 21 were read.

Mr Woods Report of 23 February on cars &c to be found in San Fran^{co} was ~~ag~~-read-also Mr Hughes Report of the same date.

Agreed that as Mr Hughes says, if he were doing the work by contract, he would not order the Cars & Rails from California.

Agreed that specifications be made out for the 4 Scows & that they be printed & given to Mr Brown, Messrs Robinson & Co. Enrmes & Johnston & all others, with an imitation to send in sealed Tenders, on Wednesday. The Specifications to comprihind Boxes.(?)

Mr Wood submitted the question of covering the Scow at Lahaina with Iron Sheathing, whith wood costing about 170$- to be charged to the appropriation for the Reef. Agreed that this be done.

Mr Wyllie read Mr Huddys application of the 20th February for the command of the vessel containing the Dredging ma--chine, or of the Tug Boat or Propellor

Mr Hughes said that 2 bids more would be required.

Mr Wood submitted the intrusion of a native on the ground adjoining the new Prison - Referred to Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood & Mr Hughes instructed to make out an estimate of all expenses for officer, for materials - work&c,so as to give an idea of how much ought to be asked for from the Treasury

Prince Kamehameha submitted Mr Wood estimates of $3,281-15 required to convert Prince Kamehamehas large Stone House into a barracks

Conference . Bureaux Public Improvements in the F.O.on Thursday at ½ past 10 A M

5 March Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood " Mr Allen
" Hughes
" Barns " Mr Wyllie
" Dougherty

The following Sealed Tenders were opened

Mr Daughertys for 4 Scows, labour only	$1,500.0
" " " materials	2,060.0
	$3,560.0
Mr Barnes for 4 Scows, labour only	1,000.0
" 4 ditto Labour & materials	-2,200.0
" to complete the 4 Scows	~~3,200.0~~
the timber being furnished	
by the Government, Mr Barnes	
furnishing every thing else	1280.-
Enrmes & Johnson for lumber only-	$2100-0
" materials for	
" 4 Scows -	2023.28
	4,123.28
Mr Engals for labour only -	1,800-0
" materials	2,060.48
	3,860.48
Mr for Labour only	1400.0
materials --	2000.0
	3400.0

Mr Wyllie shewed that the Tender of Mr Barnes is by far the lowest- Mr Barnes offered to give Bond, & offered to give Bond for the amount of the Contract. Agreed to accept Mr Barnes Tender; & Mr Woood was instructed to ascertain, in concort with Mr Barnes whether it will be best to accept his tender, the Government furnishing Tenders at 3½ Cents per foot.

Mr Wyllie read Mr Fields letter of 29th February, offering 500 Casks of Cement at $5 & 75 tons of Lackawana Lump Steam boat Coal at $20 per ton Agreed that the Cement be not taken, & that before accepting the 75 tons of Coal if the price correspond with the price of the 100 Tons by the Raduger.

Conference . Bureaux of Public Works,

in the Foreign office, Saturday 8 March 1856

at 10 A M.

Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Barnes " Wyllie

Mr Barns stipulated that the sufficiency of the Scows to be built by him should be judged of by a Ship Carpenter. The (?) was mutually agreed to

There being a difference between Mr Barnes & Mr Wood, about the ~~Scows~~ timber to be ~~built~~ purchased, Mr Woods specifications were read.

To be paid to Mr Barnes $550 for each of 4 Scows, he purchasing all materials, except Lumber of all kinds at 3½ Cents per foot, which is to be purchased by the Government. By lumber Mr Barnes means planks-timbers (?) & all the wood work

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Works

in the F Office at 11 A M. 12 March

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

Mr Wyllie

The minutes of the 5th were read

Mr Wood reported the completion of the Contract with Mr Barnes

Mr Wyllie presented Mr Williams account for $73.55 Cents balance due him for work done on Bridge between Honolulu & Waialua. To be paid & charged to $800 appropriated for Bridges & Roads between Honolulu & Waialua

The question of the Coal offered by Mr Field was taken up- Agreed to post--pone it, till next meeting

Mr Wood reported that he had not yet had time to go down with Mr Wakeman to see the finishing of the Kahana Bridge-

The subject of Appropriations for the Bureaux of Public Improvements was discussed; the list as voted last year was gone over, & the differences agreed upon marked in Pencil-

Agreed that Mr Wyllie write to Mr Peirce to ensure $1500, more on the Boiler by the Humboldt

Conference Public Improvements in the Foreign office, on Tuesday 18 March, at 1/2 past 9 A M

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood
" Dougherty ~~Daguerty~~
" Widemann
" Hughes

Mr Allen
" Wyllie

Mr Barnes Tender was read - $4,250-0

and for work beyond specification, to superintend for $5 per day, for each mechanic - with Bond

Emmes & Johnson - 2,500.0

Shipwrights at 5$ per day & Joiners at 4. -- with Bond

William Dougherty 1,357.0

Extra work $5 per day- to pre-form it in 60 working days, & to give Bond.

Agreed that Mr Daugherty have the Contract & that Mr Wood prepare it -

Mr Widemann stated that he had on hand from $50 to $60 accruing from the old prison at Hanalei, to the completion of the Prison at Mawiliwili

Mr Wood said that the correct balance is $51.. Agreed that that balance be applied with Mr Widemanns direction to

the Completion of the New Prison, at Nawiliwili, it being virtually a substitute Prison for that of Honolulu"

Mr Aggards contract was read- By its terms, no report upon the sufficiency can be made till the machinery be set up

Mr Treadways bill for the Scow brought down from Lahaina, ammounting to $809.93 Cents The account was considered high & Mr Tread-ways letter was asked for.

Mr Hughes asked permission to employ what workmen be required- He obtained authority to do so.

Mr Bartons letter, about a Lantern for the Harbour of Lahaina was read - offering to

to get a light from the U States, for $200.

Agreed that a checque be drawn for $200 for that purpose

Bureaux of Public Works, in the F. office,

Friday, at 10 A M - 21 March

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen.

" Wyllie

Mr Wood presented John Richardsons Application for $195 for the Wailuku Bridge Maui

Agreed that a cheque be drawn for that Amount

He presented an order for $19.84 for Bridge of Hulea Kauai.

Agreed that a cheque be drawn for that Sum.

Mr Wood presented a kind of a/c shewing sums due, & sums paid for dredging the Harbour & suggested that a round sum be drawn, before the close of the year, to pay for all necessary work until the New Appropriation Bill pass Mr Wood made a calculation of 2,332-0 required for operations in progress connected with Dredging the Harbour

Agreed to draw for $2500 to be after wards accounted for.

Mr Wood stated that he could buy about 3000 ft hard Pine at 7 cents and 2000 ft oak at 7 rial per foot, which are both re--quired. Agreed that he buy them as

cheap as he can for cash, forthwith & that the bill be paid.

Mr Wood proposed that 5 Kegs copper Nails and 5 cases of yellow metal of Copper, sure to be required - the former at 30 Cents & the second at 25 - should be bought, likely to cst $700 more or less-

Agreed that he buy these articles as cheap as he can for cash & present the Bill for payment-

Mr Wood also recommended that 6 dozen of Shovels, offered at 50 Cents each be bought. Agreed that he buy these & that

the Bill be paid as above - & that 6½ dozen wanted for the Roads, be purchased as above

Mr Wood brought up the question of Metcalfs proposed contract for the Wailuku Bridge Hawaii. Mr Allens Mem^{o} of 3 January last was read. To be put off

Mr Wyllie read his Report of the Bureaux of Public Works which was approved with an amendment suggested by Mr Allen.

Mr Wyllie, read the offers for Commands of vesselvs viz

Mr Hadleys of 20 February 1856			
Mr McIntyres 26	-- "	-- "	
" Prendergast 27	"	-- "	
Capt Harris 29	"	"	
A Brickwood 25 March		"	

After some discussion Mr Wyllie Proposed the following form for an advertisement to invite Tenders for the commands of the Dredging Boat & the Propellor, viz:-

Sealed Tenders.

will be received by the Undersigned until the 15th of May next from properly qualified persons, of good character and Steady Habits for the Command of the Dedging vessel - and also for the Command of the Propeller - said tenders to express the salary for which each applicant will serve, finding himself. and denting his whole time to the command and to be accompanied with testimonials of Character and qualification.

It is to be clearly understood that in the decision of the acceptance of the Tender, the probable efficiency of each Applicant will be considered in connexion with the rate of Salary stated in his tender ; in other words , that the Undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest Tender, irrespective of other essential Considerations.

Mr Allen proposed that before (?) such ad--vertisement inquiry should be made whether the office of Commanders or Captains for such vessels could not be dispensed with. He thought perhaps the same man might act as Engineer, and command each vessel also. It was agreed that this inquiry should be made & the advertisement considered afterwards.

The conference then adjourned, after charging Mr Wood to send in as soon as possible his Table of all works & expenditures supplemental to that presented up to 31 December 1855-

(See Cabinet Council Minutes

2 April,1856)

Mem^{o}. Bureaux of Public Works, in the Foreign office Monday 7th April 1856

Mr Hughes called & gave his opinion in favour of Lakawana Coal, for our machinery & advised the purchase of the quantity offered by Mr Field

Prince Kamehameha was present. After -wards explained this matter to Mr.Allen

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Mem^{o} 10th April - Mr Field after the examination before the Committee of the House of Nobles on Mr Judds Release & c, explained to Mr Allen & Mr Wyllie , the lowest terms which he would accept for his coal. These were left for consideration & accepted on the 15 April.

Mem^{o} 17 April

Mr Hughes on his own examination ; & Mr Webster on the testimony of Mr Weston reported, unfavourably, on the quartity of the coal from New S Wales which is offered.

1856

Conference - Bureaux of Public Works

Thursday - 1 May - at ½ past 9 A M

Prince Kamehameha

Mr R A S Wood
" Hughes

Mr Allen

Capt Holdsworth

" Wyllie

Mr Holdsworth shewed the deficiency of water & suggesting (sic) that larger pipes be ordered

Mr Wood read his specifications for a Tug Boat. Mr Allen read his idea of specifica-tions, which (?) embraced many more particulars

They were instructed to draw up new specifi-cations together, & submit them to all Contractors to presvent any future disputes

1856

Bureaux of Public Works - Convened in the Foreign office, on Saturday 3 May at 10 A M

Present Mr Allen
Present
Mr Daugherty " " Wyllie
& Mr Munro Prince Kamehameha, not yet able to be out

The following tenders for building Boat for the Propellor were opened, viz

William Daugherty - .		3,500-0
James Munro	- - -	3,000-0
Emrmes & Johnson		3,750-0

For Boat Pele Driver

James Munro	----------	200-0
Wm Daugherty	------	175-0

It was agreed that Mr Wood & Mr Hughes meet on Monday morning, to give their opinion whether any of those Tenders should be accepted

Conference at 10 A M 6 May 1856

Present Prince Kamehameha, Mr Allen, Mr Wyllie also in attendence Mr Wood & Mr Hughes

The estimates prepared by Mr Wood and Mr Hughes yesterday were read. The estimate for the Boat for the Propellor is $3415-0-0
The estimate for the Pele Driver 140-0-0

Agreed that Mr Wood & Mr Hughes, are directed to build the Pele Driver Boat, at

their estimate of $140.0

Agreed that Mr Wyllie write to James Munro that his tender is accepted, it being the lowest, provided he give the satisfactory securi -tes that he offered & at no time , apply for more cash during the progress of his work than 75 per Cent of the value of the work done, at the time, to be computed by the Superintendent of Public Works, & the Balance to be paid after the conclusion of the work, to the satisfaction by Mr Wood & Mr Hughes

1856

Cabinet Conference in the Foreign office 7 May 1856

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie read Mr Lees reply of the 6th May 1856 in reply to Mr Wyllies despatch of the 5th, in which Mr Lee advises the repeal of the Law imposing restrictions upon the editor of the Polynesian

Agreed that Mr Wyllie prepare an Act repealing those instructions.

Conference Bureaux of Public Works in the Foreign office 12 May 1856

Present P Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

Mr Allen suggested the expediency of com--mencing the retaining wall forthwith. Agreed to have a meeting on the subject, on Wednesday at 10 A M. Mr Hughes & Mr Wood to attend.

Also agreed to meet on Thursday at 11 A M to open the Sealed Tenders for com--mand -

1856

Conference of the Cabinet - Monday - 12th May 1856 - at 10 A M

Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Allen,

" Wyllie

Mr Wyllie read a Resolution respecting Mr Lees services abroad that he intended to move in the House of Nobles this day - also draft of an Act to extinguish all present rights & title in the Harbour & Reefs of Honolulu. Agreed that the letter be deferred, till after a Cabinet Council to be presided over by the King

1856

Cabinet Conference Tuesday 13 May at 10 A M in the Foreign office

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen,

" Wyllie

The mode of proceedure with the Committee of the House of Representatives on the Petition of Foreigners & the proposed new Contraband Law was agreed on, Prince Kamehameha to preside -

1856

Conference Bureaux of Public Works, on Wednesday at 10 A M - 14 May

Present . Prince Kamehameha

Mr Wood Mr Allen

" Hughes " Wyllie

Mr Wyllie submitted the question whether a retaining wall, along the margin of the Reef to be improved be necessary & how the retaining wall should be built.

Agreed that Mr Wood, search out the plans of Mr Webster & submit them to Prince Kamehameha for him to ascertain whether the retaining wall can be erected, by the labour of Prisoners & at what cost. The Prince to consult Mr Parke, Mr Webster on whatever he may think necessary

Agreed that Mr Wood attend at the opening of Tenders tomorrow at 11 A M

Cabinet Conference: Bureau of Public works in the Foreign office Thursday 15 May at 11 A M

Present Prince Kamehameha

Mr Allen

" Wyllie

also the Tenders whose sums are given in the margin.

Mr Wyllie read the Advertisement for Tenders as published in the Polynesian; and N° 1 of 10 May having so done, proceeded to open the Tenders received which Mr Allen read, viz

N° 1	April 7	from	Jacob Brown	for either	$1500
" 2	" 12	"	H Harris	Propeller	1000
" 3	" withdrawn				
" 4	" 14	from	Thos Wright	" Steam Tug	2,000
" 5	" 5	"	Mr Hadley	either	1,200
" 6	" 10	"	John Paty	Propeller	2,000
" 7	" 18	"	A McDuffie	"Dredging vessel	1,000
" 8	" 23	"	Wm Ryan	$2.50 per 7hr day	912.50
" 9	- 25	"	Saml James	Dredging vessel	1,200
" 10	" 14	"	G.G.Willowky	" "	1,200
" 11	no date	"	W Wilson	" "	1,000
" 12		"	M H Sawyer	" "	1,000
" 13	May 12	"	A McIntyre	either	1,000
" 14	" 5	"	H Prendergast	"	1,600
	no date	"	John Lawton	- Propeller	1,600
" 15	" 14	"	G Rhodes	either	1,500
" 16	" 15	"	M Brown	$130 pr M Dredging vessel	1440
				150 Propeller	1800

N° 22 April	J P Sugner - Chief Engineer of Propeller		$150 per Month & to live on board $ 1200.0

Conference Bureaux of Public Works, Saturday 17th May 1856 Present P. Kamehameha

Mr Hughes Mr Allen

" " Wyllie

Mr Wyllie proposed that the Tenders be read, with the Testimonials

Mr Jacob Brown was read

Capt Harris was read

Thomas Wrights "

Mr Hadleys "

Capt Patys --- "

A McDuffie "
Wm Ryans ---- "
Saml James ---" - highly recommended

Capt Willowbys "

W Wilsons --- "

M.H Sawyers --- "

A M Intyres --- " - Suggested by Mr Allen

Capt Prendergasts "

" Lawton "

G Rhodes --- "

M Browns --

Agreed to meet on Monday at 9 A M & to send for James & McIntyre

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Conference - 18 May 1856

Present Prince Kamehameha

Present Mr James & " Allen
Mr Mc Intyre -- " Wyllie

Questions were put to each of them which were answered satisfactorily.

After same it was agreed to accept the Tending Mr James for the Dredge Boat & of Mr Mc Intyre, for the Propeller, at the usual salaries offered each to support himself & subject to the conditions explained to them, Mr Mc Intyre to report himself on board the Dredge Boat, so as to allow, Mr James to mak a trip in the St^r John Denlap - the one to be removed to the Propeller & vice cersa according to proof of comparative fit -ness hereafter